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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	9	Minus	20 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0
Independent claims	7	Minus	7 =	0 ×	\$200(10 0)	= \$0.00
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\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid  or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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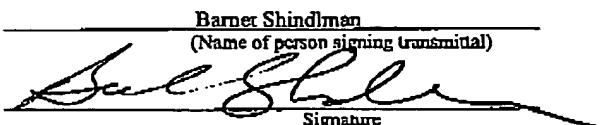
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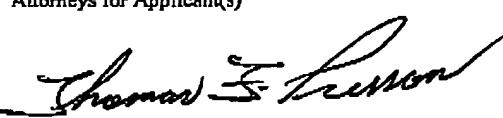
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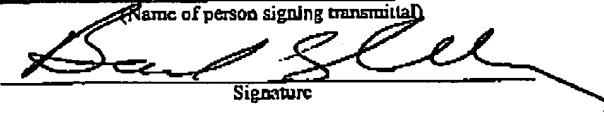
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 18, 2006, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 18, 2006, please amend the  
above-captioned application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.